

**REMARKS**

By this Amendment, claims 1-6 and 10-13 are amended, claims 7 and 8 are canceled, and claims 14-17 are added. Accordingly, claims 1-6 and 9-17 are pending this application. No new matter is added. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicant gratefully appreciates the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative by Examiner Prenty during the October 27 personal interview. The points discussed are incorporated into the following remarks.

**I. Information Disclosure Statement**

An Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449 was filed in the above-captioned patent application on August 18, 2004. Applicant has not yet received from the Examiner an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 to acknowledge the fact that the Examiner has considered the disclosed information. The Examiner is requested to initial and return to the undersigned a copy of the Form PTO-1449. For the convenience of the Examiner, a copy of that form is attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider and return the original Form PTO-1449 with the next Office Action.

**II. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph**

The Office Action rejects claims 2-5 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as indefinite. Specifically, the Office Action asserts that several claim features lack antecedent basis. Claims 2-5 are amended accordingly. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

**III. Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicant gratefully acknowledges that the Office Action indicates that claims 6, 8, 12 and 13 include allowable subject matter. Specifically, the Office Action indicates that claims 6, 8, 12 and 13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all features of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of canceled claims 7 and 8.

Specifically, claim 1 is amended to recite "the first electrode including both a transparent layer to transmit the light from the light-emitting layer and a reflective layer to reflect the light." Thus, claim 1 is allowable. Claim 9 depends from claim 1, and thus is also allowable.

Claims 2-5 are also amended to incorporate the subject matter of canceled claims 7 and 8. Thus, claims 2-5 are allowable.

Claims 10 and 11 are also amended to incorporate the subject matter of canceled claims 7 and 8. Specifically, claims 10 and 11 recite a method of manufacturing including disposing a first/second electrode including a transparent layer and a reflective layer. Thus, claims 10 and 11 are allowable.

Claims 6 and 12 are rewritten in independent form. Thus, claims 6 and 12 is allowable. Claim 13 depends from claim 12, and thus is also allowable.

New claims 14-17 incorporates the subject matter of currently amended claim 6. Thus, claims 14-17 are allowable.

**IV. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)**

Claims 1, 3, 5 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,554,911 to Nakayama et al. ("Nakayama"). As discussed above, claims 1, 3 and 5 are amended to include the features of allowable claim 8, and claim 9 depends from amended claim 1. Therefore, this rejection is rendered moot. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

**V. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)**

The Office Action rejects claims 1-5, 7 and 9-11 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,639,250 to Shimoda et al. ("Shimoda"). As discussed above, claims 1-5, 10 and 11 are amended to include the features of allowable claim 8. Claim 9 depends from amended

claim 1. Claim 7 is canceled. Therefore, this rejection is rendered moot. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

**VI. Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-6 and 9-17 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

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